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HARLESS GIVES \$10,000 TO CONCORD LIBRARY

Mingo County businessman James "Buck" Harless of Gilbert, W.Va. has donated \$10,000 to Concord College to develop a collection of "outstanding" children's materials for use in the campus library.

Harless said in a letter accompanying the gift that the donation was made through the Jamey Harless Foundation in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Eltis Miller, describing them as "long time friends" and noting that "Mr. Miller was a very faithful employee for many, many years."

The working relationship of Miller and Harless, which began when they were both young men in the rugged mountains of southwest West Virginia, grew into a close friendship as a result of the close-knit community in which they lived. For a quarter of a century Miller worked directly with Harless in several capacities, taking charge of the Harless lumber business in southern West Virginia and later working with him in his coal operations.

For three years Miller supervised a large-scale timbering venture for Harless in the Amazon basin of Brazil, setting up sawmills and docks and improvising startup of business under tropical conditions.

The Millers' daughter Peggy Bias said that Harless "respected my father's knowledge of how to run the operations." Both men were known to work often from 6:30 in the morning until at least 6:30 at night, Bias said. She said, "We have a great deal of respect and friendship for Mr. Harless."

Bias, a graduate of Concord, directs the Putnam County Library. Her daughter is currently enrolled in the Concord library science program. They were aware of the needs of the children's section of the campus library and the lack of state support to purchase materials. Concord Library Director Thomas M. Brown said that Mrs. Bias then suggested to Harless "that a special gift enabling us to develop the children's collection would be welcome - and it is."

Harless specified that the funds "be used to develop a collection of outstanding children's materials for use in the library." A collection of materials totalling over 700 titles will be purchased Brown said. The collection will include books and literacy materials for children ages two through eight. He said the materials will support the children's reading component of a community-based grant program, "The Family Connection"; the training of teachers to teach reading; the preparation of prospective elementary school teachers; and the overall quality of the library science program at Concord, which is the second largest in the state.

Books bought with the funds will not duplicate any titles already in the collections at Concord and Bluefield State College, Brown said. Each new book will contain a special bookplate denoting the Harless gift.

"There are many, many needs for a college like ours," Brown said. "This very generous gift addresses the broad range of current materials which we provide for our students who will be working with young children. What Mr. Harless has done is to help us develop that most precious resource—young children."

"We are struck by the friendship of Mr. Harless for the Millers and how he has chosen to express that friendship with a gift to the children of southern West Virginia. Teachers-in-training will learn of the breadth of new materials available for this age range thanks to the purchase of these books especially written for young children. He is, indeed, a friend to them and to Concord College, and we are grateful."

Concord College president Jerry Beasley said, "Concord College is in the business of educating southern West Virginians of many ages. We are extremely gratified that Mr. Harless would come forward as part of his legendary support of education, to help us with this important job."

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EDITOR'S WORDS

During spring break I was able to see the tarantula which lives in an aquarium at the library in Charlestown. I stopped and asked for directions to Martinsburg at an outpost library in the area. It was fun to see the special library at the Huntington Museum of Art where a recent workshop was held.

I love to see how libraries in West Virginia are different and yet the same. We are all West Virginia librarians or library supporters. Through WVLA I have been able to share ideas, find local resources, and feel part of the state library community. Wherever we go in the state, we know that we have friends at the library.

Yvonne Farley

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I have been able to attend all of the regional workshops which have been held recently. The first was at the Pope John Conference Center in Charleston sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Roundtable and the Support Staff Roundtable. The workshop offerings put together by Yvonne Farley and Traletta Wallace with the able assistance of Linda Brumfield, were varied and interesting. This conference center is really a very nice facility and other groups might keep it in mind for a meeting in the area.

The second workshop was held at Jackson's Mill sponsored by the School Libraries Division and planned by Martha Mae Danzig. I must, at this time thank my wonderful WVLA secretary Judy Duncan, for rising very early on a Saturday morning to accompany me on the trip to Jackson's Mill. We spent a very productive and enjoyable day with the school librarians.

Chris Hatten planned the program for the workshop at the Huntington Museum of Art sponsored by the Special Libraries Division. The food was catered by Sara Gibbs of the Cabell County Public Library. The weather was rather dreary but the speakers were informative and the museum a wonderful place to visit.

I have gained so much from my involvement with WVLA that I would like to take a moment to suggest to all of you who are not actively involved — it is really a great way to meet new and interesting people, grow both professionally and personally and gain a real feeling of accomplishment. If you aren't sure how to become involved just ask one of the board members. We will see that you get an opportunity real soon. Our association is run on a voluntary basis and cannot continue to function without members who are ready, willing and able to work for the association. It really does have its own rewards.

Pam Ford

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LIBRARY NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

WLSC LIBRARY ORGANIZATION HONORED

The friends of the Paul N. Elbin Library Organization at West Liberty State College has joined an important group which includes first lady, Barbara Bush.

At its recent convocation held in Memphis, Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, honored several hundred recipients with its Point of Excellence Award for outstanding service to education. Friends of the Paul N. Elbin Library was among the recipients.

The awardees were selected by both institutional and alumni chapters located throughout the United States, Canada and England.

Kelli Jo Morrison, president of the local Kappa Delta Pi chapter, presented the award to the friends group which was chosen because of its Partner in Education activities with West Liberty Elementary School. During the past two years, the Friends group has sponsored a variety of reading and library activities for the school's teachers, students and parents. Most recent activities were a poetry contest for fourth and fifth graders and a children's book author program during National Library Week.

The West Liberty Elementary School Teachers participate in the partnership by speaking for education classes and serving as cooperating teachers for practicum students and student teachers at the college.

THE MARTINSBURG REPORT

By Diana Abshire

Lost in the library? Well, a lot of patrons aren't, anymore! During National Library Week we had two classes to acquaint patrons to the computers so they can locate their books, familiarize them with our library services, and offered a dose of genealogy know-how. They learned how to xerox and fax, and were told about our literacy program (LVEP) and English as a Second Language (an we picked up some tutors).

One afternoon the week before NLW, the local television station, WYVN (Channel 60 Fox) spent several hours filming in the children's department and in the adult section for a one half-hour show, Kid's Club, that aired on April 4th — a great lead to NLW. One of the children's librarians, Sandra Cookus, told a story which was shown in its entirety; afterwards the host magician Michael Myers, told the viewers that everything he know about magic he learned from reading... the circulation of books on magic picked up a little after the show aired.

During National Pet Week a local veterinarian, Sarah O Donnell, brought several small animals to story time for the kids to touch.

Children's librarians are planning for the summer program "Go for the Gold", which begins in June.

LAW AND LANGUAGE AT SOUTH CHARLESTON

By Pam Coyle

"Law and Language", a series of twelve programs combining the Americans with Disabilities Act and sign language classes was presented at the South Charleston Public Library from March 12 through May 21, 1992.

Funded in part with a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council, this program focused on the ADA and the deaf community. An estimated one in three persons have some degree of hearing impairment. In the Kanawha Valley, over 15,000 persons are hearing impaired. Communicating with this segment of society is now mandated by law if you serve the public.

Mike Kelley, an attorney, spoke on the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act at the first session. The director of the West Virginia Commission for the Hearing Impaired, Rex Purvis and his wife, Liz, taught the classes. Because Liz is hearing impaired, she brought a unique perspective to the classes. Students soon learned that 'sign language' is not always the language the deaf use. Shawana Camehl, an employee of the library, assisted with the classes.

One direct result of these classes was a savings of \$28,000 for a deaf co-worker of one of the students. The student found out while practicing his sign language skills with this co-worker that a two-year dis-

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Law and Language at South Charleston

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pute with an insurance company had not been resolved. A telephone call later, the dispute was settled in the co-worker's favor. This inability to communicate is one of the most frustrating aspects of being deaf and one of the reasons Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDDs) are essential.

As part of the grant, the South Charleston Public Library has 25 copies of *The Joy of Signing* and additional information available to any library wishing to hold sign language classes. The South Charleston Public Library will pay the postage one way; return postage is the responsibility of the borrowing library.

All requests for these books and materials are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the program held at the South Charleston or about holding sign language classes at your library, call Pam or Shawana at 744-6561.

STUDENT CREATES SUMMER READING POSTER

By Terri McDougal

The Kanawha County Public Library system's children's Summer Reading Program theme this year is "Explore the U*S*A - the Ultimate Summer Adventure at your Local Public Library". The dates of the program are June 8 - August 1.

This year's theme was selected and developed by a committee of library staff members who have been planning the program and activities since last September. In a co-operative venture with Mary Smith, a Capitol High School art teacher, Capitol High art students were invited to design posters pertaining to the summer reading theme that KCPL could use as graphics for the reading program.

The winning poster, based upon a young Indiana Jones character, was created by senior art student Holly Knauff. Holly's poster, which has been reproduced in bright four color work, is the focal point of KCPL's promotional campaign.



WVLA FALL CONFERENCE TAKES SHAPE

By Charles Hively

The WVLA Fall Conference, scheduled for October 15-17 in Parkersburg, is taking shape and looks quite promising. Since there will be no increase in registration fees and inexpensive accommodations will be available at the Holiday Inn and Stables Motor Lodge, the cost for conference attendees can be kept at a minimum, which is especially nice for libraries operating on a limited budget.

The programs already scheduled for the conference provide a wide variety of session options. Larry Allen, from the University of Kentucky, will conduct a session on library personnel management. Sharon Turner, of Morgantown Public Library, will discuss effective productivity of library volunteers. Libraries needing to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act will want to attend the session led by Bill Tanzey, from the WV State Board of Rehabilitation. And Joann Jordan, from Marshall University's Morrow Library, will hold a workshop on inexpensive book repair. (Note: Joann would like those interested to contact her with specific repair problems so that she can address problems shared by several libraries.)

For those seeking some "cultural" stimulation, Dr. Ray Swick of the Blennerhassett Society will present a topical program on the history of Blennerhassett Island and the surrounding area. (Cross your fingers, a tentative post-conference tour of the island and mansion is planned for Saturday afternoon!) Also, Anndrena Belcher, a storyteller from Virginia, will delight us with her program emphasizing Old World and Appalachian tales.

The highlight of the conference, the Friday evening banquet, should prove quite interesting: a MYSTERY speaker will preside over the evening's festivities. (Clue: He may smoke a cigar or two!) Watch for more clues as well as updated information on the conference as it becomes available. Hope to see you there!

FOR YOUR LIBRARY

KENNEDY VS. HUMPHREY, WEST VIRGINIA, 1960: The Pivotal Battle for the Democratic Presidential Nomination by Dan B. Fleming, Jr., (McFarland & Co., Inc.: Jefferson, N.C.) 1992. Reviewed by Yvonne Farley

This is an excellent book of real politics in West Virginia. Dan Fleming names names and lets you know how the insiders saw the 1960 primary. With approximately 80 interviews with pols like Kanawha County's late Sam MacCorkle, or Secretary of State Ken Hechler and ex-governor Hulett Smith, Fleming sheds light on one of the most fascinating elections in West Virginia history and certainly one of the most interesting presidential primaries in United States history.

For those of us who remember it, it was an enthusiastic time. We remember the spotlight the national press threw on this state. In fact, I can't remember West Virginia receiving such media attention — ever. Would we West Virginians, the question went, a predominantly Protestant state, vote for a Catholic? We did and for Kennedy, the Catholic issue was laid to rest.

Why did Kennedy win? Fleming's study says that money was a great asset in the campaign as was the framework of the Kennedy organization in West Virginia which had begun in 1959. FDR, Jr., who campaigned for Kennedy, was a key ingredient in the Kennedy victory.

However, according to Fleming, "None of these assets would have been important if Kennedy had not been salesworthy. The Kennedy wit, appearance, and personality were made to order for a personal media-oriented campaign anywhere, including West Virginia where glamour was scarce."

The Humphrey organization, in contrast, was poorly organized. He entered the West Virginia primary nearly broke. Although Humphrey had a pro-labor record, he was unable to gain the support of the United Mine Workers, even though John L. Lewis disliked Kennedy. The AFL-CIO was supposedly neutral, but in reality split in different directions.

One of the most interesting anecdotes in the book was told to Fleming by Ken Hechler. Hechler was neutral at the time and helped both candidates. He said that he had attended a meeting of Kennedy's top organizers one weekend and was impressed at their efficiency and organization. In contrast, a short time later, he was in Boone County with Senator Humphrey and an aide. "As they were riding in an elevator, he recalled, Hubert Humphrey asked in a worried voice, 'Do we have a table for our literature where I speak?' " There is a similar story where Humphrey had to stop at a supermarket on the way from the Charleston airport to buy refreshments for campaign supporters. There is some examination of the seedier side of politics. Fleming explores slates and vote buying in several counties. He talks with political bosses and you learn that federal judgeships and jobs in Washington, are part of the political pay off system. The code of ethics for some political bosses in those days was, "Once you are bought, you stay bought."

Those of us who stay up on Kennedy trivia, may remember the 1988 Judith Exner story in *People* magazine where she claimed that she served as a link between JFK and the mob to funnel money into West Virginia. According to Fleming, who followed every possible trail, there is little evidence to support the charge that the mafia played a significant role in the Kennedy victory. He did win by a substantial margin in the northern panhandle, but much of that can be attributed to the large Catholic vote, money and organization there.

There's a charge in *The Boardwalk Jungle* by Ovid Demaris that Giancana sent Paul "Skinny" D'Amato, an Atlantic City club owner, to West Virginia to "use his influence with the sheriffs who controlled the political machines of that state." Most West Virginians would see this as a bizarre charge. But, this charge was picked up by Kitty Kelley and printed in her best-selling biography of Frank Sinatra, *His Way*.

If there was mafia money spent in the northern panhandle, it was no more than usual. Newspaper editor Harry Hamm told Fleming, "I have little doubt mafia money was sent in this area in 1960. It was commonly done in other elections, particularly in Hancock County."

Because I remember sitting in a small town Methodist Church and listening to the preacher tell the congregation that a Catholic should never be president because he would be under the control of the Pope, I was particularly interested in looking at the role religious bigotry played in the primary.

The anti-Catholic sentiment varied from group to group and from one part of the state to the other. Fleming says that in the Protestant coal counties and the northern panhandle, it was a minor factor. However, in the lower Ohio Valley and the eastern panhandle, he says, "religion permeated the campaign and definitely hurt Kennedy in the fall race against Nixon." Anti-Catholic sentiment in the Parkersburg area was "quite virulent". A Kennedy supporter told Fleming that it was "whipped up by Baptists, Methodists and members of the Church of Christ."

In spite of the anti-Catholic sentiment among some Protestants, Kennedy did win. It may have been that the media was able to overcome this feeling. Fleming says that Kennedy's "war record, his family, his wit and personality, his intellect, and his poise and energy, he overcame stereotypes held by many...." He concludes too that "protestant Democrats came to accept Kennedy primarily as a Democrat and an American patriot rather than as a Catholic."

Fleming has filled this book with information acquired from personal interviews with individuals who even since the publication of the book are no longer living. Some, such as recently indicted Logan County judge, Ned Grubb, may be no longer talking to researchers. Only one mystery was left unsolved. Fleming tried but was never able to determine the actual amount spent in West Virginia by the Kennedy forces.

Because the interviews were not overly sanitized, the book makes for lively reading. It provides a great view of West Virginia politics — factions, slates, bribery, and all. Theodore White described West Virginia politics as "the most squalid, corrupt and despicable" in the country and part of the "Jukes family of American politics."

There are many interesting voices to be heard in this book and it is highly recommended for all West Virginia library collections. It may be ordered from McFarland & Co., Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640 (919-246-4460) The price is \$25.95, library binding, (ISBN 0-89950-706-9).

Our Lives and Fortunes and Our Sacred Honor

Reviewed by Mary Lou Pratt

History comes alive in the innovative cassette set, "Our Lives and Fortunes and Our Sacred Honor," a series of narratives about 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. The eight cassettes contain stirring biographies of the signers narrated by the late Bob Lockwood, a distinguished oral interpreter. Included with the cassettes are a book with the accompanying text, a vinyl binder for storage, and a Teacher's Guide.

Many are familiar with the names of some of the men who signed the historic document: Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and of course, John Hancock. But how much do most of us know about the other men such as Caesar Rodney, John Morton, or Button Gwinnett?

Caesar Rodney, for example, rode all night "through a heavy rain and thunder storm stopping only to change horses" in order to sign the Declaration. John Morton, who became ill and died the next spring, reportedly cried out on his death bed, "tell them they will live to see the hour, when they shall acknowledge it to have been the most glorious service that I ever rendered my country." Button Gwinnett is the signer whose autograph is worth the most (\$22,500), due to the fact that he signed very few documents in his lifetime.

The many unusual and little-known anecdotes in these narratives will spark interest in the young and old alike. It is an excellent tool for those who prefer the audio format; yet the book which accompanies it makes it a versatile resource. The set is available to schools, libraries, and approved institutions for \$98.50. To receive more information please contact:

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IF AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of WVLA currently seeks nominations for the second annual Intellectual Freedom Award to be presented at this year's conference in Parkersburg.

The award, modeled on ALA/IFRT's Immroth Award, consists of a citation and \$50 prize. It honors in a tangible way the courage, dedication and contribution of a living individual (or group) who has demonstrated the highest defense and furtherance of the principles of intellectual freedom in our state.

Any person may make a nomination for the award. A nominee may be from any walk of life. Nominations must be in writing and provide a detailed statement on why the nominator believes the nominee should receive the award, including supporting evidence such as newspaper or magazine articles.

All letters need to be received by August 15, 1992. Mail nominations to: WVLA Intellectual Freedom Award Committee, Ron Titus, Chairperson, c/o James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University, 400 Hal Greer Blvd., Huntington, WV 25755.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

By Trish Del Nero

West Virginians who are interested in pursuing a master's degree in library science should be aware of opportunities for financial aid. The American Library Association (ALA) publishes annually a comprehensive summary of fellowships, scholarships, loans and other financial aids for library students. This book, called Financial Assistance for Library Education, is available from ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 for just \$1.00 to cover postage and handling. It's a good investment for potential master's candidates.

Many library schools provide graduate assistantships, scholarships and fellowships for their students. This year, the federal government has provided money, through Title IIB of the Higher Education Act, for graduate study in certain areas of library science. For example, Louisiana State University has a number of these grants (which include a full tuition waiver, a stipend and the possibility of an assistantship) available for students interested in working with the disadvantaged or as science or medical librarians. Interested parties should contact Dean Bert Boyce, School of Library and Information Science, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Dean Boyce says that LSU's library school reserves one of its assistantships for a student from Virginia or West Virginia.

The above represents just a small sampling of the money that's available for advanced library study. WVLA will award scholarships this fall. The University of Kentucky has Title IIB monies available this year, although their deadline might have passed by the time this reaches print. Although financing a graduate education is never easy, knowing that assistance is available might inspire potential students to look into the possibility of attending library school.

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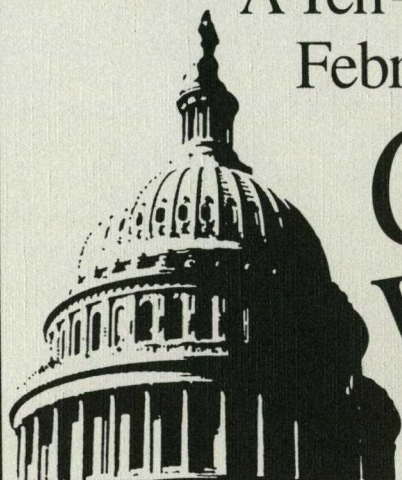
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The application must be received by July 15, 1992 or it cannot be considered.

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ALA LEGISLATIVE DAY



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In April ten librarians and friends from around West Virginia participated in the American Library Association's Annual Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. It was a very busy day with appointments in the morning with Senator Jay Rockefeller and Senator Robert Byrd. In the afternoon the group visited with Congressman Bob Wise, Nick Rahall, Alan Mollohan and a legislative aide in the office of Congressman Harley Staggers. Throughout the day the group stressed the need for reinstating the funding for libraries in the President's 1993 budget and also discussed the Postal Revenue Forgone, the need for full funding of the GPO and the GOP WINDO legislation among other topics. Those attending from West Virginia were Lois Brady, Doug Lovett, Peggy Bias, Judy Rule, Yvonne Farley, Joanne Calzonetti, Christine Chang, Ann Henriksson, Sara Staats and Betty Gunnoe, Federal Relations Coordinator.

INFORMATION NEEDED!!!!

By Pam Ford

For several years I have seen requests on conference evaluation forms for a session on book repair. Well, this year, we are going to do just that. Jo Ann Jordan, Marshall University, James E. Morrow Library, will be doing a session on book repair. She can gear this session to the type of repair (i.e. repair torn page, replace spine, etc.) or to type of materials (i.e. library tape, pamphlet binders, etc.). If you are one of those people who have been requesting this session, please send information about types of repairs and materials you would like to see demonstrated to: Pam Ford, James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University, 400 Hal Greer Blvd., Huntington, WV 25755.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIVISION NOMINATES SLATE

Listed below are individuals who have been nominated for office in WVLA's Public Library Division.

Vice President/President Elect
Susan E. Walls

Director of the McDowell County Library. Former secretary of the Public Library Section.

Statement of concern: What with the library becoming a more dynamic force in our society, I feel the librarian has a responsibility to make the library an effective agency for the total good of the area it serves.

But it's so easy to lose sight of these well-meaning goals because so much energy is expended in "looking for money." We need to become an institution to be reckoned with on all levels. No, not an easy task but if we are to become a viable institution, we must serve our towns and counties and become a vital part of the community we serve.

Margaret Smith

Director, Hamlin-Lincoln County Public Library. B.A. Marshall University, 1989. MSLS, University of Kentucky, 1991. Currently secretary of Public Section.

Statement of concern: Funding is my main concern for public libraries. With funding on both the state and local level declining, I feel that libraries must work at finding new sources of income. I would like to see more workshops on fund raising and grant writing provided through WVLA.

Secretary

Doris W. McCurdy

Responsible for library operations at the Monroe County Public Library. Has worked with the adult literacy program, Read My Lipps, for 2 1/2 years.

Statement of concern: I am concerned about the role of the library

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PEOPLE

Diana S. Abshire exhibited three pastels at the Governor's Mansion in May as part of the Arts and Letters program. The three pieces are now being exhibited in the West Virginia Library Commission offices for an indefinite period of time. Diana has been a part-time library staff member for 17 years and is an artist.

Karen Philippi of the Kanawha County Public Library System recently received her MSLS from the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

Charlotte Caley of Jefferson County, Georgia, has been selected as one of 30 people nationwide to attend the Snowbird Library Leadership Institute to be held in Utah this summer.

The Institute offers a unique set of opportunities to librarians in the early years of their professional careers. Through a variety of informal and structured activities, institute participants identify their personal leadership styles, experiment with leadership skills and techniques, and interact with a select group of outstanding leaders in the library world. The Institute also offers those attending unparalleled opportunities to develop networking contacts with today's library leaders and to meet and interact with the leaders of tomorrow.

Caley worked 12 years at the Alpha Regional Library in Spencer. She started there as a clerk in the Books-by-Mail program and worked her way up to the position of assistant director. In 1990 she was among the first WVLA scholarship winners from a fund made up for the most part by contributions from the membership. She left West Virginia to attend Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

Jane Hughes has resigned as director of the Fayette County Library and thus as treasurer of SWVLAC (Southern West Virginia Library Automation Corporation). **Judy Gunsaulis**, former assistant director, is now director at Fayette County. New officers of SWVLAC for 1992-93: Tom Brown, President; Nancy Moore, Treasurer; Dottie Chandler, Supervisor of Operations.

Mary Covey, Technical Assistant in Cataloging at Concord College retired May 31, 1992 after 15 years of service to the college. Her husband, Dr. Winton Covey, Professor of Geology, remains on the college staff.

Regina Doorlay (formerly Bartoe) will begin working for Hewlett-Packard Corporation in Germany on August 1, 1992. She is a former SWVLAC Systems Manager and a founder of the VTLS Users group.

Public Library Division Nominates Slate

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in rural areas. Some of our rural libraries are under utilized. The library can be the educational and cultural hub in our communities with proper programming.

Traletta A. Wallace

Branch Manager of Glasgow/Marmet libraries of KCPL system. Chair of Support Staff Roundtable. Chair, Young Adult Summer Reading Program, KCPL.

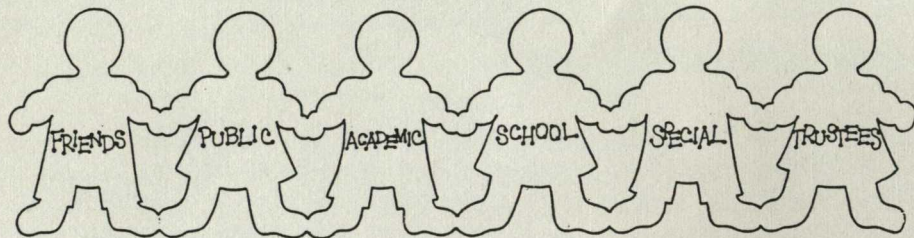
Statement of concern: To continue to strengthen WVLA and the Public Library Section, to be responsive to the needs and concerns of its membership. Encourage support staff participation in WVLA activities. I am also concerned about patrons and will work to continue state-wide cooperation and sharing in order to help services and materials be as accessible as possible.

1992 WVLA SCHOLARSHIPS

The West Virginia Library Association will award scholarships this year to some deserving members who are pursuing ALA-accredited MLS degrees. In 1991 and 1992, the association was able to award four \$500 scholarships to help members meet the costs of graduate education. The number and dollar amount of this year's awards will be determined by the fiscal health of our scholarship fund and the number and quality of our candidates.

A scholarship application is included in this issue of WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES. Applicants must have been a member of WVLA for at least one year. They should submit the completed application form, the names and addresses of three references (one must be a professional librarian), a 250 word essay addressing professional goals, and proof of acceptance into an accredited MLS program. Preference will be given to candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to librarianship in West Virginia. Scholarships will be awarded at Annual Conference in October.

WVLA



LIBRARIES WORKING TOGETHER

NOMINATIONS FOR WVLA OFFICERS

The individuals nominated for offices in WVLA and approved by the WVLA Executive Board are listed below along with their statements of concern. Additional candidates for each office may be nominated upon petition by at least ten members of the association, provided the petitioners have secured the written consent of each nominee in advance.

Those names must be forwarded to the chairman of the nominating committee at least 13 weeks before the annual meeting and shall be added to the slate of candidates. Nominating committee chairperson is: Jo Ann Calzonetti, Charles C. Wise, Jr. Library, P.O. Box 6069, Morgantown, WV 26506-6069.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT ELECT

Rebecca A. Bills



West Virginia libraries and information centers have common problems and concerns as well as those that are unique due to a number of factors, including geographic location, clientele, proximity to other libraries and information centers, or ability to interact in various way with them.

These problems and concerns have to do with virtually all areas of library and information center management including funding levels, pay rates, initial and continuing education for staff, maximizing investment in resources, and maximizing benefit gained by population served.

I believe the task of WVLA and therefore, its officers, is to assist library personnel in dealing with both the common and unique aspects of these problems and concerns by helping to provide initial and continuing education for library personnel; impacting funding levels by increasing the awareness of the needs of libraries and information centers; impacting usage by increasing patron/client awareness of what

libraries and information centers have to offer; maximizing resources by sharing and working together whenever possible and feasible.

WVLA has a strong history of accomplishing these very tasks and having a direct impact on the success of the state's libraries and information centers. Through continued strong leadership, this impact should continue and even improve as new ideas and new methods are incorporated into the organization to complement our goals, we will constantly improve our ability to reach them. Improving on a successful past is the job, then, of WVLA officers for the coming year.

J. D. Waggoner

I consider the office of First Vice President/President Elect to be a very important one to the association. The most important responsibility of this position is certainly the work with the annual conference. There are many areas to be addressed for the membership. Much of this is done by committee assignment, however, the greatest impact to the total organization is through the conference and the section workshops. It is necessary that this office work closely with the president to make this annual event a useful one to all sections and members.

To properly represent the association, it is necessary that the officers listen to the members. Too often the leadership becomes so busy in keeping the organization functioning that they forget why they are there. This is not intended to be an indictment of the current leadership. I say this to show my desire to reflect what the members of the association view as its purpose.

Serving as membership chair for the past year I have been somewhat disappointed to see the limited number of individuals who participate in the work of the association throughout the year. In the position of "president elect", I would seek the input of the membership as to the direction they feel the association should be moving. Using this information would allow future planning in defining the needs of the association. In seeking this office, I seek not only your vote but also your commitment to help me in fulfilling its duties.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Trish Del Nero



I came to West Virginia in the fall of 1989, soon after completing an MLIS at the University of Rhode Island. Before starting work on my library degree, I worked as a recycling information co-ordinator for a small government agency in Portland, Oregon. (I was waitressing at the same time, but it was the recycling job that made me decide on librarianship as a career. It involved similar principles of access to and organization of information, and I was dispensing that information to the public.)

I am currently employed as a reference librarian at Marshall University. I joined WVLA the day I started work here and I've been lucky enough to serve on several committees. I have been a member of the Continuing Education Committee since its inception, and was appointed to chair that committee this year. I've also been a member of two Annual Conference Committees. Working with WVLA has given me an opportunity to meet library people from around our state, and has helped me to develop an understanding

of the special joys and problems confronting librarians in West Virginia.

As an officer of WVLA, I plan to continue to work to improve continuing education opportunities for library staff. The special problems involved in rural librarianship demand special training and treatment. As a reference librarian at Marshall, I work frequently with students who are native West Virginians. I am continually impressed by the skills and knowledge they have gained at their local public libraries. As an organization, it is our duty to assist the staff of these splendid institutions in any way possible.

Harve A. Tannenbaum



The power of information technology will drastically effect what librarians do and how they do it. As a librarian, I am concerned about how we will adapt to such drastic changes. The amount of information that is available is truly overwhelming. If we fail to keep pace with these tools and the technologies that provide access to information, some of our patrons will pass us by in the search of more responsive vendors. I believe that it is imperative that we learn to use these new tools and integrate them into our work. At the same time, we can not allow ourselves to be blinded by technological marvels and forget our mission. We must not forget the reason for using these tools to provide our patrons with materials. We need to build relationships with other institutions and forget agreements that allow for the increased sharing of resources as a benefit to library patrons.

I am concerned about how we view librarians and our role in society. We should be proud of the work we do and the services we provide. But, we need to do a better job of helping the public understand that we are professionals doing a professional job. We can not passively wait and assume that our value is self-evident. As the competition for funds increases, we must make certain that the public appreciates the real costs of providing library service and their importance to society.

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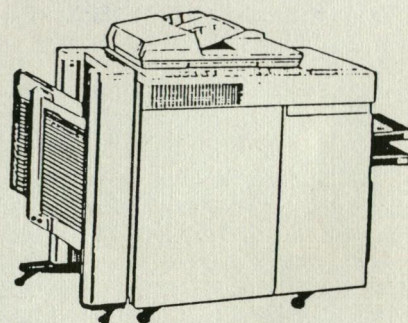
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